
Environmental Advisory Council
Tuesday, February 24, 2009

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was held on the above date for the transaction of general business.

Present - J. Drayer, H. Rauenzahn – 2.

Also present – D. Hoag, S. Katzenmoyer

CALL TO ORDER

Harriet Rauenzahn called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Harriet Rauenzahn, seconded by Janet Drayer, to approve the November 25, 2008 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

This will be accomplished at the March 2009 meeting.

MONTHLY BCTV PROGRAM

The program schedule was reviewed briefly.

The May program will feature Deb Hoag and Dean Miller discussing water issues.

The June program will feature Larry Lee and parking in the City.

BERKS COUNTY EAC

Ms. Katzenmoyer distributed a meeting report for the December 2008 meeting and notification of the March meeting. She stated that she cannot attend the March meeting but encouraged others to do so.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Drayer noted her attendance at the Planning Commission meeting when the Double Tree Hotel project was presented. She stated she is very impressed with the plan, which includes a green roof, LED lighting, and eco-friendly air conditioning.

Ms. Drayer questioned the role of the EAC in Planning. She stated her belief that the EAC should have plan review authority before the plan is presented to the Planning Commission. She questioned how the process could be changed to include the EAC.

UPDATES

- Ms. Hoag reported that Council recently approved the engineering contract for the utilities building at the waste water treatment plant. She stated that the building will be LEED certified. There will be energy efficiencies, green features, and demolition materials will be reused/recycled. When questioned about the need for this building to be LEED certified, Ms. Hoag stated that the Department of Justice will look positively at the project. She also stated her hope that the parking lot will be paved with pervious material. She stated her hope that the existing pond will remain. Ms. Drayer questioned if space would be available for educational purposes. Ms. Hoag stated that space would be available for staff training.
- Ms. Hoag reported that LEED certification compares regular use with green use and reports energy savings attained. This can be reported as a Cool Cities initiative.

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm.

The meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk*